

CITY COUNCIL.

BUSINESS DONE AT THE SESSION YESTERDAY.

Street-paving Contracts Approved—Privileges Granted for Public Baths—Railroad Switches—Fire Alarms—Sprinkling Hydrants.

The City Council convened in regular session at their chamber in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Those present were President Breed, Clerk Teed, Councilmen William, Collins, Perry, Hyans, Lovell, Kuhns, Gibbs, Jones, Stearns, Goss, John son and Hiller.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Minutes of May 30th showed no meeting as quorum was not present. Approved.

A COMMUNICATION was read from Mayor Workman, reporting that the sanitary condition of the city was much improved since the employment of the four special officers; that the citizens had assisted in the work and that there was now no further need of the services of special officers and recommended their discharge. Received and mere ordered discharged as recommended by the Mayor.

FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable the Council of the City of Los Angeles—GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the laying of switches across First street by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, beg leave respectfully to report as follows: After several interviews with Col. Ferris, chief engineer, and other railroad officials, it is the opinion of the committee that the laying of switches across said street was warranted until the arrival of the vice-president, C. W. Smith, from the East (who will be here this week), when we think an amicable settlement will be made.

The committee, in view of said switches or the building of an elevated causeway or viaduct over the tracks so as to avoid the creation of any death-trap at this point. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WORKMAN, Mayor.

Received and approved and further time given committee.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

were received, as follows: From Mayor Workman, on sales of water for the month of May, 1887, \$1242.50. Finance Committee.

From Superintendent of Streets, showing number and location of sprinkling and fire hydrants, as follows: Corner Mathews and Alvarado; corner First and Vine streets; corner Fifth and Los Angeles streets; fire hydrant; Tenth and Olive streets; corner Eighth and Flower streets; corner Ninth and Pearl streets; fire hydrant; corner Olive and 7th streets; corner Temple street and Bunker Hill avenue; fire hydrant; corner Temple and New Cincinnati streets; corner Temple street and Belmont avenue. On motion, adopted, and ordered to notify all cities to put in hydrants as recommended by the report.

From same, asking leave of absence for two months, and that W. W. Robinson be permitted to act as deputy during that time. Granted, and Mr. Robinson ordered sworn in as reporter.

From Zanjero, showing expenses for week ending May 28, 1887, \$136.50. Finance Committee.

From same of sales of water for month of May, 1887. Finance Committee.

From same, reporting assessments on account of widening and improving San Pedro street have been paid in full to City Treasurer, and recommending that the same be drawn payable to C. H. Dusmoor, County Clerk, as payment into court. Received and approved, and, on roll-call, warrant ordered drawn, as recommended.

From City Assessor, showing personal property tax for month of May 27, 1887, \$697.50. Finance Committee.

From Chief of Police, showing collection of delinquent licenses, \$302. Finance Committee.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

reported as follows: On petition of Samuel Barlow and others to have Hoff street widened. Recommend that the same be referred to the Board of Surveyors with instructions to make a plan for Hoff street.

On petition of S. C. Foy against the widening of Seventh street. Recommend that the same be denied. Adopted.

On petition of P. H. Lemmert as to the legality of piping of the Arroyo de las Vegas, the board asked further time. Granted.

On petition of S. Barlow and others for permission to grade Hoff street. Recommended the same be granted, provided the work is done in accordance with regular specifications. The same articles blocks are granted at one time. Adopted.

On petition of A. W. Francisco and others to turnpike Rowland street to the established grade of such portions as consent of property owners may be obtained. The same blocks that are to be denied unless entire blocks are graded and the work is done in accordance with regular specifications. Referred to a committee as a mistake.

On protest of John Keeler and others against the erection of electric railroad poles on Los Angeles street. Report that the railroad company has no authority to erect any poles on Los Angeles street. Received and filed.

On petition of O. H. Bliss and others against the laying of the track of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on Alameda street, between the planing mill and Huber street. Referred to Superintendent of streets.

On petition of W. S. Maxwell, asking permission to grade certain streets on his property. Referred to the City Surveyor.

On petition of citizens' meeting, William Workman chairman, in regard to trains at a higher rate of speed than six miles per hour on Alameda and San Pedro streets. Report that there is an objection to the speed of trains. Received and filed.

On petition of J. W. Hinton, trustee, for the exchange of land for street purposes for further time, and that same be granted to furnish man of streets in question. Approved and filed.

On petition of M. L. Wicks, to construct a permanent permission be granted.

On petition of W. V. Beaudry, asking permission to grade certain streets on his property. Referred to the City Surveyor.

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On petition of R. O. Barter, Chicago; W. Rosenberg, New York; N. F. Terrell, Boston; C. M. Sheffer, San Francisco; J. B. Nichols, Detroit, Mich.; W. L. Banning, San Pedro; Capt. Purvis, ship Cleopatra; Capt. Davis, ship Andiso; Capt. England, ship Seiene; Capt. Sangster, Santa Ana; C. S. May, New York; L. Grant, Mrs. D. R. McDonald, Miss Nellie McDonald, San Francisco; Capt. F. R. Braun, San Francisco; J. W. Wood, Pasadena; J. A. Augen, S. A. Allen, San Bernardino; Mrs. Marshall and daughter, Santa Ana; E. G. Smith, Pasadena; J. R. Gott, San Bernardino; E. Chambers, San Diego; A. B. Miner, Colton; A. H. Jones, Chatsworth; T. C. Call, Camulos; C. R. Bates, Pomona; W. A. Kirk and wife, San Bernardino; G. L. Marion, M. D., Elsin, Ill.; E. Bixby, Lodi; D. B. Kezant, San Francisco; W. Sibley, San Diego; E. S. M. James, Los Angeles; E. Chapman, San Francisco; J. D. Owen, San Diego.

On petition of G. J. Shierer read. The following protests were then read:

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On petition of O. W. Childs et al., against laying of granite pavement between First and Third, and asking that the same be substituted.

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KING COAL HAS A RIVAL.

NATURAL GAS IS WORKING WONDERS IN OHIO.

Wells Innumerable Gushing Forth Millions of Feet of Gas—How an Old Doctor Proved His Faith Well Founded. Superiority of the Ohio Product.

[Special Correspondence.]

FINDLAY, Ohio, May 30.

The tendency of people to grasp with frantic eagerness every business or social sensation that presents itself is powerfully illustrated by the widespread interest which the recent discovery, in northwestern Ohio, of natural gas in large quantities, has attracted.

For twenty-five years the northwestern corner of Ohio has been agricultural and lumbering region. It was originally a swampy region, but has, by the grace of cultivation and drainage,

it has never been considered a swamp district, and a few years ago no geologic or practical driller would have advised a friend or patron to put down a well in western Ohio. But conditions change with dramatic velocity in this country, and to-day northwestern Ohio is the scene of an intense and continuous excitement.

A few days ago the largest gas well in the world was sunk near Findlay. Its daily output of gas 30,000,000 cubic feet. There are in the aggregate forty-five gas wells in and about Findlay. Together they pour forth 100,000 cubic feet of gas daily, an equal amount in heating capacity to 3,000 tons of coal.

The natural gas is said to be richer in heat producing properties than the Pennsylvania gas at 15 per cent, according to the tests and estimates of scientific men. A practical manufacturer of glass told me, however, that there was a difference of 50 per cent. in favor of the Ohio gas; at Pittsburgh it required sixteen pipes of a uniform size to meet the demands of his furnace, while at Findlay the same amount of work was done by eight pipes similar in size and arrangement.

The town of Findlay has a unique situation. It stands directly over a great reservoir of natural gas.

There is a very important and significant geological fact in connection with the Ohio gas and oil discoveries. Both fields come from the Trenton limestone, a widespread formation of the lower silurian age. In order that gas or oil may be given forth in valuable quantities there must always be some structural peculiarity in the Trenton limestone formation so that an arch will be formed to serve as a storage house for the fluids to accumulate in. The town of Findlay, which is the center of the gas region, is built over such a fold or arch in the limestone. The western extremity of this arch is coincident with the south line made by the Main street of Findlay, so that a well may be drilled anywhere east of that street, and dry gas will be found in abundance at a depth of about 1,150 feet. A person cannot dig a cellar or well without finding some gas free, and it is said, in fact, that difficulty is found in setting fence posts on account of the pressure of gas from beneath. The ground seems to be saturated with it, and it was the presence of very considerable surface indications that led to the drilling of the first gas well, three years ago. The people of Findlay saw indications of gas for half a century without suspecting the remarkable treasure underlying them. One man in the town, a German physician named Charles Oesterlin, read the signs with an intelligent and prophetic eye. Four years ago he became convinced that an enormous reservoir of natural gas lay beneath the town of Findlay. He told his belief to the town, and was scoffed at—men called him the "gas fool" until 1884 when he was regarded as a vain dreamer. But patience and perseverance at last prevailed, and three years ago he succeeded in organizing a stock company to drill for gas. The well was a successful one, and when the gas gushed forth with a panting roar and shot a column of flame sixty feet into the air, people were alarmed for a time. But the faith of Dr. Oesterlin was vindicated, and the truth of his discovery was established.

It was a small and almost unknown town when gas was struck. It took a year for the news of the wonderful discoveries to spread, and it was not till last year when the great Karg well, with a capacity of 12,000 cubic feet daily, was struck, that the attention of the public was arrested by the developments and possibilities at Findlay.

The owners of the wells were at a loss to dispose of their gas for a time. For many months the great Karg well blew its mighty stream of gas into the air, and wasted every effort to supply a city. The waste of gas could be heard for two miles, and it was lighted at night a great balloon of flame sprang like magic 100 feet into the air and lit up the country a score of miles about. The gas leaves wells with a pressure of 400 pounds to the square inch and with so much force that it has a piece of iron weighing three tons more than 100 feet above the ground.

Absent the wells, with the exception of a few, are sealed up with iron cones and valves, and are only opened when desired to treat visitors to a rare and exciting spectacle. On the 10th of next month is to be a celebration at Findlay to commemorate the first anniversary of the application of natural gas in Ohio to the mechanical arts, and I believe on that occasion all the wells are to be opened. If half of them lighted at one time they will make on the most intense and brilliant illumination ever witnessed.

Gas is never wasted in large quantities, though it is used with the utmost freedom. When one gets from the cars great plumes of flame from 100 tall pipes greet the eyes. The flames burn both night and day. Natural gas is cheap as air in Findlay, and any man who has a gas well in his yard if he so chooses. The cost of drilling a well is about \$1,500, but gas is supplied so cheaply to him that he has no time of drilling a well except a factory well. The city owns a number of these wells and leases them under all the roofs. Gas is furnished to consumers for ten cents a month for each grate or stove, if the consumer is permitted to burn as much as he chooses. There are no meters or other measuring apparatus used.

The gas has a distinct and penetrating sulphur odor, so it is safer for household use than manufactured gas, as it cannot escape without being quickly detected. Gas is a great luxury as fuel. There is no smoke, dirt or expensive manipulation connected with it. It is easily managed and burns with a beautiful blue flame that emits an intense light which never varies in degree.

There is a good deal of speculation respecting the permanence of natural gas.

The data is not abundant, but much can be conjectured from what is known.

There are gas wells in this country that have been burning for hundred years, and it is said that in China there are gas wells 2,000 years old. The celebrated naptha wells, near Baku on the Caspian, esteemed sacred centuries ago by the krasin fire worshippers, are still flowing with undiminished vigor. None of the wells at Findlay show signs of failing, but on the other hand the pressure in some of them is increasing and the volume is larger than it was when they were first struck.

The natural gas development in and about Findlay has caused one of the most remarkable business excitements of the post bellum period. The great body of men who are ever ready to embark in new enterprises and speculation found an inviting opportunity here.

Last year manufacturing establishments began to locate in Findlay, and early in February last general attention was attracted to Findlay by a purchase of land which Senator Sherman made.

In a month real estate men

flocked to the town, and it suddenly assumed the air of a dashing western mining city. The streets and hotels were crowded with throngs of excited people, and the new comers increased so rapidly that 500 or 600 were compelled to go to towns near by each night.

The town is in full swing general, and men, women and even children could be seen engaged in real estate transactions of greater or less magnitude. There was a great deal of speculation in farms in the gas belt, and one agent told me he had sold the same farm at times. Hundreds of farmers have been made rich, but I cannot think they have gained as much in contentment as they have in wealth.

One odd character sold his farm for \$75,000 and came to the town to live. He brought with him three strapping daughters, and this strange quartet, in garments cut in styles that were popular a quarter of a century ago, wandered about the streets in a helpless and hopeless sort of a way, wondering what to do with their inheritance, and how to get it.

The house which Senator Sherman paid \$30,000 for has advanced in three months \$150,000 in value.

The population of Findlay has grown from 5,000 to 15,000 in a year.

Probably no section of the country has experienced in so short a time a more remarkable awakening than the finding of natural gas has brought to northwestern Ohio.

FRANK B. LOOMIS.

Where the Opera Companies Go to Smash.

[Omaha World.]

There is something about the atmosphere of Omaha that is disengaging to the traveling opera company. The first combat of the season was among the robust people, who visited us in the fall, and I observed shrieking and pulling hair. Then the Boston ideals arrived, fell into a condition of speechless rage and vanished in three or four parts. The National Opera Company have only just succeeded in securing money enough to get from these unpeaceful Carletons, sing one night and—the inevitable overtakes them. The manager and the bass, Mr. J. S. Greensfelder, have had the atmospheric row, and Greensfelder has left for New York.

Real Estate.

:-PACIFIC:-

LAND IMPROVEMENT CO.

GRAND EXCURSION

ST. JAMES!

The new town on the Santa Fe route, at the mouth of the Santa Ana Cañon.

FARE, ROUND TRIP - - \$1.00.

THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE COMMERCIAL Street Depot at 8:30 a.m. At Anaheim carriages will be in waiting to carry all parties to St. James and return free who hold excursion tickets. AFTER LUNCH a

GRAND AUCTION SALE

250 LOTS! 250 LOTS!

WITHOUT RESERVE, to the highest bidder.

GREAT WATER POWER!

GRAND BUSINESS CENTER!

FIRST BUYERS MAKE

MONEY IN OUR TOWNS!

W. H. HOLABIRD,

General Agent.

Unclassified.

RARE CHANCE.

DAN McCARTHY,

THE WELL-KNOWN HORSE-DEALER, has arrived at Los Angeles with two carloads of horses.

ROADSTERS AND TROTTERS,

Selected from the different fashionable breeding farms of California, and offers the same to the lovers of good horses in this city.

AT

REYNOLDS' - CORRAL:-

On Olive St., bet. Sixth and Seventh.

Must be sold within ten days, as he must go East on business. No better opportunity will ever be offered for the purchase of high-bred horses than this.

"ROWENA!"

Lots in this beautiful tract should be purchased by all who desire to build a home, just outside the city limits, amid full-bearing fruit trees, the produce of which alone will pay the purchaser good interest on his purchase-money.

"ROWENA"

Is pre-eminently adapted for suburban homes, and a continuation of the West Los Angeles street-car line will soon reach the tract.

"Rowena" is Situated on Western Avenue.

It is not surpassed in its loveliness by any property elsewhere. Every want is supplied that man can desire—sunshine, ocean breeze, pure water, best ground. You need not till the soil; you can look on while the earth sends forth her plenty. All other tracts are but as the stars, but THIS TRACT IS IN COMPARISON AS THE HEAVEN ITSELF THAT LIGHTS THE STARS.

"Flowers, the first luxury that Nature knew, in Eden's pure and guiltless garden grew."

AT "ROWENA."

ONE, TWO AND A HALF AND FIVE-ACRE LOTS

AT "ROWENA."

THE PRICES OF THE ACRES ARE EQUIVALENT TO PRICES OF LOTS ELSEWHERE.

FROM \$400 PER ACRE.

Intending purchasers will be driven out to Rowena any day at 9:30 and 3 o'clock.

All wanting acre property should immediately visit ROWENA, as the demands for this property are increasing daily. For beauty and full-bearing trees it cannot be duplicated in the county of Los Angeles.

Apply

THE LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIAN LAND COMPANY,

25 TEMPLE STREET. 25

THE MORAN TRACT!

Ninth Street, Between Main and San Pedro.

Close to business center. Five minutes' ride from Postoffice. Fine artesian water, clear and sparkling, piped to each lot. SIX BLOCKS FROM SITE FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDING. Perfect sewer. Main city sewer passes in front of the property. Situation is not excelled in the city limits. Improvements on all sides in the very best style. Fine lots and choice neighborhood.

Street-car line built; will be in operation in two weeks, from First street to western limits of city. Stone sidewalks will be laid. Fine orange, lemon and walnut trees and grapevines on every lot. Apply to

JOHN P. MORAN, 106 Spring Street.

SEMI-TROPIC LAND COMPANY

Real Estate Bought and Sold and Rents Collected.

106 N. SPRING STREET..... TEMPLE BLOCK.

12 acres on Adams street, highly improved; will subdivide into 60 good lots. Price, \$2000 per acre.

Lots 10 and lot on Olive street; house of 7 rooms, lot 70x150. A bargain.

Lots at Anaheim; fine modern residence, 100x100, with cold water, through tanks, water and farming implements go with the place; place highly improved; vines and trees planted; good residence.

Lots in Moro tract; fine residence, 100x100, with cold water, through tanks, water and farming implements go with the place; place highly improved; vines and trees planted; good residence.

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Suits brought against Kissane at San Francisco.... Freshets in the Columbia and Snake rivers.... Blaine about to go to Europe, but not in the interest of the Home Rule party.... A demonstration at Paris in favor of Gen. Boulanger.... Pitiful suicide of an old German professor and his wife at Union Hill, N. J.... Texas train robbers on trial.... The stove-moulder's strike ended.... Thunder storms in California.... Senator Sherman at Springfield, Ill.... Etna's crater active.... Belgian strikers returning to work.... Coal accident at Barryessa.... San Mateo's condemnation suit.... Meeting of trustees of University of the Pacific.... Troubles among the Manitoba Indians.... Bayard obnoxious to England shipping paupers to this country.... The Latahian races.... The Pacific may inquiry.... Revolution in Ecuador.... The Amer's troops defeated by rebels.... Gossip about the new French Ministry.... Injuries to the grape crop in California.... A band of bandits broken up in Texas.... Discussion of the fishery question in the Dominion Senate.... Josh Hump's sentence.... A San Francisco policeman kills his wife.... The Arkansas authorities not inclined to proceed against Kissane.... The Thistle defeated by the Irex.... Strikers run dynamite at Scottsdale, Pa.... Winery burned at Stockton.

It will be a good plan for the Republican County Central Committee to do a little weeding out of scrubs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE will elect a United States Senator next month. William C. Cheshire is not the dark horse.

The public will have pleasure in the certainty of a \$75,000 opera-house, announced in this morning's Times.

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN PERKINS, of San Francisco, who thumped a boy whom he accused of playing a prank on him, was fined roundly for taking the law into his own hands, and is now in danger of losing his official head.

The stale, flat and unprofitable contest of Lynch vs. Vandever ended yesterday, so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. No same man, who has read the evidence, believes that Lynch stands a ghost of a show. His loud bellowings of Republican fraud petered out most ingloriously, and receded upon his own head.

The San Francisco Examiner is making vigorous war on the police department of that city, and the other papers naturally rally to its support. If there is "murder" it "will out," and if the department is unsound it must go down. A newspaper is rarely, if ever, able to revolutionize a public department unless it deserves revolutionizing. Justice alone can win the fight.

A MEMBER of the Republican County Central Committee, working for Lynch for coin in an attempt to unseat the Republican whom the voters of this district elected to Congress, is a truly bad thing. As the same young man was up in court only a few weeks ago for getting money on fraudulent checks, and escaped only by putting up equivalent cash, the new departure was surprising.

EDUCATION is not working particularly well in Kansas. It is not doing as high license is doing elsewhere to remedy the evils of intemperance. You cannot legislate men of morality, and prohibition does not prohibit. The Kansas City people should be able to speak more freely in regard to the operation of the law in that State, has this to say:

"There is not a place of any Kansas where liquor cannot be had as easily as falling off a log, raised log at that."

THE much-discussed libel suits of H. M. Boyce vs. The Times-Mirror Company were yesterday dismissed from the docket of the Superior Court by the withdrawal of Col. Boyce's attorneys of the application to have them reinstated. The letter of Col. Boyce to his attorneys, by which he sought to acquire some additional "indication," and assumed some points not in the agreement for a compromise or the stipulations of the attorneys, was very properly ruled out by the decision of Judge O'Melveny, who consequently does not figure as a party to the actions. The documents of record. The people who are really sad over the actions are our contemporaries, who full to the teeth are involved in long and

A Union Depot—Why Not?

The presence of Senator Sanford and Manager Towne, of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, who have been in and about Los Angeles for several days, has given rise to a good deal of railroad small talk. Many of the reports set flying are probably without foundation, but there is no question that the magnates are considering seriously the subject of establishing, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Company and whatever other lines may enter Los Angeles, a union depot. Elsewhere a report is given of an informal meeting held yesterday by Senator Stanford, Mr. Towne, Mayor Workman, Chairman Rowan, of the Supervisors, and others, at which this subject was discussed, and following which a tour of inspection was made about the city.

If the project as suggested is carried out, it will be a blessing to the people of Los Angeles and a great boon to the traveling public. When we consider that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has six branches which are brought to a focus in this city; that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Company now has two, and will shortly have three; that there are several local roads on the string, and that the coming of the Union Pacific with main and branch lines is spoken of as a certainty—the advantage of bringing these lines together at a common point for transfer of passengers and baggage, becomes very obvious. At present there are three depots and a fourth building. If the Union Pacific comes in on the principle of every one for itself, then there will be five. With the vast number of people entering, leaving and passing through Los Angeles daily and the greatly augmented numbers who will be traveling hereabouts a few years hence, imagine the confusion that will exist, with transfers to and from between these five points. It would doubtless be a good thing for the hackmen and expressmen, but terribly expensive and annoying for the people who travel.

Just now, when the depots are in a formative stage, so to speak, is the time to obviate this trouble. Neither the main depot of the Southern Pacific, or the depot of the San Gabriel Valley line is so pretentious that their abandonment, one or all, would be any sacrifice. Or, continued in use, they might serve as minor stations for the convenience of the public.

If the Santa Fe people are disposed to join hands with the Southern Pacific and other roads, and place a union depot near the foot of First street, that would probably furnish as central and commodious a site as could be found in the city. The Bigelow tract, which was acquired by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Company, comprises upward of seventy acres. There would be room enough for a large depot, with all requisite switches, leaving space for a freight depot, roundhouse, sheds, etc.

If this were adopted it would involve another measure of improvement, which has been somewhat talked of—the shifting of the main line of the Southern Pacific from Alameda street to the river front. This would be a benefit to Alameda street generally, but might be considered a special detriment by the lumber-dealers and manufacturers along that thoroughfare who have acquired switching connections. The change would doubtless meet some opposition.

The situation altogether is one in which the people of Los Angeles are deeply interested. The coming of Vice-President Smith, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Company, which is expected within ten days, will probably shed some light on the question.

The Advance of Labor.

The condition of the laboring classes, as all are aware, is better in the United States than in any other country of the world. Better prices are here paid, and greater inducements for patient industry exist. The laborer of today may be the man of wealth tomorrow. Every avenue of business and the opportunities for education are open to the poor boy who has energy and determination to back him. The hours of labor, too, are being shortened. Not, as formerly, does the working man toil from sunrise to sunset, or the poor apprentice find his only opportunity for self-improvement between the hours of 9 o'clock and midnight, the pages of his book illumined the while by the firelight, or the glimmer of the tallow-dip. Better wages, better accommodations and fewer hours of work belong to our laboring classes than their fathers enjoyed, and there is nothing in the world to hinder the advance of this class of our citizens who have the energy and ambition to push forward. Legislation is also coming to the aid of the laboring man, and the enlightened sentiment of the age is with him whenever and wherever he goes to work legitimately to better his condition.

The New York Legislature has recently passed a law making Saturday afternoon a half-holiday, the operation of which is proving a success. In some of the large cities of other States the same custom has obtained, although not legally authorized. In San Francisco the Saturday half-holiday is generally conceded, and the effect has so far proved satisfactory. The result is a spirit of larger contentment, and with contentment comes a decreasing tendency toward unrest and lawlessness.

Of course there is much yet in the condition of the poorer classes that might be improved. Labor is not always made as remunerative as it should be. There are hundreds of wage-workers, especially among women, who receive but the merest pittance for their daily toil. In large cities this is peculiarly true, where certain departments of labor are overcrowded, and the demand for work often exceeds the supply.

Another hindrance to the success of the wage-workers, and one which sooner or later will have to be con-

TRIFLES OF THE TIMES.

Lady (in grocery store): Let me have a pound of butter, please. Clerk (who used to tend in a cigar store): All right, ma'am. I'll go right in and get it for you. [Judge.]

Deacon: It pains me Mr. Boggs, to see you coming out of a bar-room. [Judge.]

Told by Labouchere: "I cannot ex-

press how much I feel delighted and hon-

ored at having met you, Mr. Carlyle," quoth

Mr. Mallock, after a conversation with the sage of Chelsea. "Eh! well, I hope I may not meet you again!" It is said to have been a single isolated instance.

"I was a clerk in a grocery store at \$4 a week," he said, "but like many other young men I fell in with dissolute companions and was induced to gamble." "And was tempted to take money which did not belong to you?" "No, I won enough in a week to pay the grocery." [New York Sun.]

"Good gracious, Jane! why didn't you marry a monkey, and be done with it?" "Oh," smiled Jane. "I thought you might want to marry some time, and I wouldn't give you last chance." [Washington Critic.]

Judge (to a very homely old maid): Miss, in what year were you born? Witness: In the year 1846. Judge: Before or after Christ? [Texas Siftings.]

Mr. Bishop, the New Orleans banker, is now almost as poor as a tropical house. He is a famous con-

artist, and is fond of Latin. One evening at the Hoffman House he was missed from the parlor, where a party of Southerners were making merriment. "What have you done?" asked a young man when he returned. "Oh, just outside in the cupboard, walking pro and con," he replied. He was once deeply offended at a covert speech in a Washington paper. "Why," said he, "that is catamount to calling me a fool." [The Argonaut.]

TAKEN FROM "LIFE."

The malady from which youths who wear a single glass eye suffer is, in many cases, optical delusion.

Gill says he thinks Home Rule will come some time. That's right, Governor!

Anything to please the Irish!

Mr. Sprague has safely observed that no matter how large its population may become, there will always be enough earth to go round.

When man gets the better of woman in argument woman frequently is dissolved in tears, but it does not take her long to get recovered.

"Daniel," asked the President, "why are Americans so priggish?" "I give up, sir," replied Daniel, "unless it's because their State is the mother of precedents."

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English Traveler (troubled with insomnia): Can you give me a London Punch?

Indignant Proprietress of boarding house: We sawarage sell in Los Angeles for 60 cents box. There has been no rain since last spring and, of course, we have to pay more.

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A PITIFUL STORY.

An Aged Professor and His Wife Suicide,

As the Only Means Left of Escaping the Poorhouse.

Blaine Talks of His Plans for a Year's Travel in Europe.

The Mass Statesman Says There Is No Truth in the Story That He Will Agitate for the Irish Cause—He Talks on Other Subjects.

By Telegraph to The Times.

JERSEY CITY, May 31.—[By the Associated Press.] Prof. Charles Siedhoff and wife, Matilda, aged 91 and 92, tired of a long, futile struggle with destitution, committed suicide this afternoon at Union Hill, Siedhoff, it is said, was professor of chemistry at Heidelberg University, Germany, thirty-five years ago. He supported himself by writing for the newspapers, making translations and occasionally lecturing upon chemistry and electricity. These means failing, they lived in filth and squalor. Today the poorstricken called to him to the St. Hale Hill Hospital, where light employment was provided for him. He begged for an hour's time. At its expiration the officers found him and his wife lying dead on the floor and a letter on the floor saying that they had taken that deadliest of poisons, cyanide of potassium. He gave as a reason for the act that he could not live without her. He also spoke of having been wronged by some one. It was a most pitiful affair.

BLAINE.

His Proposed Trip Has Nothing to Do with Irish Affairs.

AUGUSTA (Me.), May 31.—[By the Associated Press.] To a World correspondent today Blaine said: "I am going abroad and expect to be away about a year. My wife and my daughter are Margarette and Jessie. Jessie will make the passage. We will go on the North German Lloyd steamer Ems, which sails June 8th, Wednesday week. We shall stop at Southampton, and going at once to London, we intend to spend considerable time traveling through Great Britain. After England, we will probably go to Ireland, and then to America. Then I think we shall spend some time in Germany and after that we take France. By this time it will probably be getting so late in the year that Spain and Italy will be comfortable and we can make a trip north through these countries and spending next winter in Spain. We will make long visits in Rome and Greece, and perhaps stop a brief time at Constantinople. We will visit the great religious shrines, like the Holy Sepulchre. So we will merely drift about and take our time. We will make our plans largely by what turns up."

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A WEAK REBUTAL EVIDENCE—PILL PITNEY.

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Yesterday saw the grateful close of the drama contest which J. D. Lynch has made in hope of usurping the seat to which the voters of the Sixth Congressional District elected Gen. William Vandever.

The first witness called yesterday morning was W. H. Gladstone, who was sworn in at the engine-house on Main and First streets on the 2nd of last November. I was taken into a saloon, filled with liquor and given a Republican ticket and \$3. I was to have \$10 afterward for working for that ticket. If I had not been drunk I would have voted the Republican ticket.

Cross-examined: I went into the saloon sober and took ten to fifteen drinks. I had an idea of what I was doing. I know the man who gave me the ticket, but did not know his name.

RAMON CHAVEZ

sworn: I reside in Los Angeles, and my voting place was at the new depot the 2d of last November. I voted the Republican ticket that day, because I had to. A man gave me \$7.50 to do it—and to help him. He gave me the money in a saloon near a drug store.

I was in the saloon of one of the drug stores that day. I do not know this man who gave me the money. I know that he was a section boss once, afterward a policeman. I don't know he was afterward a Deputy Sheriff. I like him little red whiskers. I don't know—my head was not in very good condition.

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I like to know Ramon Chavez. I don't know as I saw him that day. I was around with my brother. I cannot remember if I was with L. Chavez that day. I was somewhat intoxicated—dizzy in my head. I don't remember going into a saloon with him for a drink that day. I don't remember that you asked me to vote the Republican ticket, and that I told you I had already voted the Democratic ticket. I know I voted a Republican ticket, because the day after I voted it, I voted again, and cannot read or write. I am a Republican. I don't recollect, having told L. Chavez, three weeks ago at my house, that Tom McCaffrey gave me money for voting the Democratic ticket that day. Mr. Tracy spoke to me about this, and I don't know if I was anything about the election, and if I would come as a witness. He did not offer me any money. Nobody pays my expenses here.

BERNARDO CASTILLO

sworn: I live on Aliso street. I was raised in this country. I knew Sylvester Alta marano by sight on the 2d of November last, talked with him and he wanted me to vote the Democratic ticket. He was born in San Bernardino. He said he was registered in San Bernardino. He said he could vote here just the same, and offered me tickets, but I did not vote. I don't know whether the tickets he offered me were Republican or Democratic.

cross-examined: I was born in Sonora, Mexico. I never voted here, but I have in San Bernardino. I am an American citizen. When I live in this country, I came here when I was one year old. [The attorneys here took turns and spent considerable time in the gallery of this witness box, and it was noticed that it was an American citizen, with the result that his father told him that he (the father) was such.]

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